(b) how much amount has so far been incurred on these buildings at Srinagar and Jammu, so far;

(c) whether the amount earmarked for Jammu High Court building has been diverted for construction of Roads and Buildings; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) how much additional amount is required for completing the Srinagar High Court Building; and why the full amount required for the purpose is not being provided to complete the construction works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The required information is being collected from the Government of J & K and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Closure of Oil Rig Division of BHEL

1830. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BHEL's oil rig division is facing prospects of closure due to lack of orders for drilling equipment from ONGC, Oil India Limited and other oil exploration agencies in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that while on the one hand Government floats global tenders for drilling equipment on the other hand the public sector units are facing unfair competitions;

(c) what is the comparative number of oil rigs for which orders were placed with BHEL and for which global tenders were invited during the Sixth Plan period and how does the cost of the BHEL's rigs compare with the imported ones; and

(d) what are the reasons for following a dual policy in regard to the procurement of rigs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) to (d) There has been under utilisation of capacity in the Oil Rig Division of BHEL on account of inadequate orders for oil rigs. Petroleum exploration and production is included in the list of selected industries where global tendering is permitted, with a view to obtaining competitive offers.

During the 6th Plan period orders were placed on BHEL for 30 Nos. of oil rigs. Information regarding the number of oil rigs for which global tenders were invited during the 6th plan period is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Prices of BHEL's rigs are settled on the basis of prevalent international prices and price preference as per the Government guidelines. Prices of BHEL's rigs compare favourably with imported rigs.

Tobacco used in Cigarettes

1831. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints with regard to the use of inferior quality of tobacco in the production of cigarettes; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to protect consumers' health?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) In a memorandum submitted to the Government by 33 Members of Parliament, it has been mentioned that Cigarette Companies are exploiting the consumers, *inter-alia* by not using good quality tobacco.